Immaculate Conception Parish & St. Jude Mission Church

DECEMBER 18, 2022

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SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES

MASSES

Saturday Evening
5:00 pm

Sundays
7:00 & 11:00 am

Holy Days
As announced

Weekdays
Mon. - Sat.: 8:30 am

Confessions
Saturday: 4:15 - 4:45 pm

Baptisms
2nd & 4th Sundays of the month, 12:15 pm

MASSES

Sundays
9:00 am

Holy Days
As announced

Confessions
Before Sunday Mass 8:20 - 8:50 am

Baptisms
3rd Sunday of the Month at 10:30 am

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Monday - Friday:
8:30 am - 4:00 pm

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Registration: please call the parish office for a registration form, or register online.

Office of Religious Education & Youth Ministry - 410-392-3551
Vickie Eichler, *Coordinator of Religious Education*
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For Senior High information please call the Office.

Office of Worship & Music Ministry
410-398-3244
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Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsal: Tuesday at 7:00 pm (Sept to May)

Cantor Rehearsal: Wednesday at 9:30 am and Thursday at 6:30 pm

Parish Choir Rehearsal: Thursday at 7:00 pm (Sept to May)

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound - 410-398-0009
Deacon Michael Truman

Call Parish Office whenever you or a family member are hospitalized or needs a visit.

Parish Outreach - 410-398-2110
Open Mon, Wed., & Fri. from 9:30 am—11:30 am.

Baptisms: Pregnant? Have a newborn?
Does your child need to be Baptized? You are invited!
Classes are on Monday evenings, 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Parish Center. Please contact the Parish Office in advance to register for the Baptism Preparation Class or to arrange the date of Baptism. Call 410-398-1100 for information or to register.

Marriages: Please contact a Priest one year in advance

Pastoral Council Meeting: 3rd Wednesday of the month (September - June) at 5:00 pm in the Parish Center

Parish Liturgy Committee: Meets monthly

Parish Finance Committee: Meets monthly

Welcome!

His Word Today

Written by Rev. William J. Reilly

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022

"A servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart to proclaim the gospel of God, which he promised long ago through his prophets...through him we have been favored with apostleship that we my spread his name and bring to obedient faith all the gentiles, among whom are you who have been called to belong to Jesus Christ."

Paul was keenly aware of his call and mission, but it did not end with him. We have been gifted with the same call through our baptism to spread His name today.

As we joyfully celebrate the Lord's birth this week, what better time for us than now to resolve to reach out to someone who has grown weak in the faith, been consumed by the idols of consumerism, or who place trust in things and not in the person of Jesus Christ. May we not allow this special moment to go by when we can be a sign of the Lord's coming. Meet people where they are but bring them to what really matters with us.

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We extend a warm welcome to our newly baptized member and her family……

Logan Goss

The Parish and Family Life Committee is planning its ***Annual Christmas Eve Nativity Pageants*** at Immaculate Conception & St. Jude's. The pageants will be performed prior to 4:00pm Mass at Immaculate Conception Church and at St. Jude Church on Christmas Eve.

Practice and costume distribution for ICC will be today, **Sunday, December 18th at 12:00 noon (after 11am Mass)** and SJ practice is today **after the 9am Mass.**

Looking for children to be participants. If interested, please email Kim Burnham at ksburnham@comcast.net for Immaculate Conception or Dottie Dhamer at sassydot1@comcast.net for St. Jude.

MASS Intentions

December 19, 2022
Weekday – Feast Day of Bl. Urban V, Pope
8:30 am ------ Maria Nguyen Thi Kim Lien

December 20, 2022
Weekday – Feast Day of St. Dominic of Silos
8:30 am ------ Gioan (pronounced John) Baotixita Trinh De

December 21, 2022
Weekday – Feast Day of St. Peter Canisius, Priest
8:30 am ------ Edward Wanalista

December 22, 2022
Weekday – Feast Day of St. Chaeremon, Bishop
8:30 am ------ Phero Nguyen Duc Mau

December 23, 2022
Weekday – Feast Day of St. John of Kanty
8:30 am ------ Daminh Hoang Ngoc Thau

December 24, 2022
Christmas Eve
Weekday – Feast Day of St. Charbel Makhlouf, Priest
8:30 am ---------- Joseph McGlinn
4:00 pm IC ------- Sarah Loftus Smith
4:00 pm SJ ------- George Benvegno, Sr.
10:00 pm IC ------ Tony Sniadowski

December 25, 2022
The Nativity of the Lord
9:00 am SJ ---- John & Bernadine Handley
10:00am IC----- Joan & Fred Juergens

Eternal rest Grant unto them, O Lord; And *let perpetual light shine upon them.*
May they rest in peace. Amen.

We extend our condolences and prayers to the families of those who have recently died:

Mark Guns

Art and Environment: *Christmas Preparations and Decorating Updates:* Advent is a busy time for the Art and Environment Ministry. Much happens behind the scenes in the weeks prior to The Celebration of Christs Birth. Listed below are our dates and times that much of this great work will occur. Help is needed and everyone is welcome.

December 18th - 12 Noon at St. Jude - Decorating Day

December 23rd - 10am at ICC - Decorating Day.

Daily Readings:
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday
Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Monday
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday
Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday
Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

Thursday
1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

Friday
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

Saturday
Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;
Lk 1:67-79

Readings for Next Week:
The Nativity of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10
Isaiah rejoices that God is bringing his exiled people home to Jerusalem. He calls out to the people to be glad because God will restore Jerusalem.

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6
Paul explains to the Hebrews that although God had spoken through the prophets, people could not always completely understand the message. Now God has spoken to us by sending Jesus, the son, a reflection of God's glory and forgiver of our sins.

Gospel: John 1:1-18
John describes how the Word came into the world in the form of Jesus. All those who accept Jesus become children of God by sharing in Jesus' love. No one has seen God, but through Jesus, God was revealed to us.

WEEKLY CHURCH COLLECTIONS:
Week of 12/11:
Sunday Collection…$ 6,522
Online Donations… $ 4,208
Mailed In……$ 1,470

TOTAL……$12,200

PARISH EVENTS AND INFORMATION

Reconciliation:
St. Jude:
Sundays, 8:20-8:50am December 18

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Immaculate Conception Church
Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24, 2022
4:00pm Mass
Pageant begins at 3:40pm
10:00pm Mass
Carol prelude begins at 9:30pm with combined music ministry

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25, 2022
10:00am Mass
Carol prelude begins at 9:40am

St. Jude Mission Church
Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24, 2022
4:00pm Mass
Pageant begins at 3:40pm

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25, 2022
9:00am Mass
Carol prelude begins at 8:40pm

Mary, The Holy Mother of God
Saturday, December 31st: ICC – 5:00pm Vigil - ICC
Sunday, January 1, 2023, 7am & 11am – ICC; 9am - SJ

Feast of the Epiphany
Saturday, January 7, 2023, 5:00pm – ICC
Sunday, January 8, 2023, 7am & 11am – ICC; 9am - SJ

Parish Pastoral Council: The November meeting began with a prayer and the review of the October minutes. They were approved unanimously. The Council received an update on our financial status including a report on our successful Christmas Bazaar, raising important funds for the parish. A word of thanks to the many parishioners involved in the planning and execution of the event! The Council introduced "Children Bags" to help parents of small children keep them entertained during Mass. This is an effort to be a more welcoming place for families.

The Council folllwed up on the topic of new signage to increase our visibility and help people unfamiliar with our campus to find us. The discussion brought a greater measure of clarity and helped close in on a few action items. Next, the Council received a report on the progress of improving our use of communication and marketing of parish activities. More information is needed before action can be taken. On our agenda for January 18, 2023 is a proposal to offer new parishioners and families a revised welcome pack. We will also consider possible parish retreat options for the new year.

FAITH FORMATION

Adoration for Vocations will not take place on Sunday, January 1, 2023. The next one will be **Sunday, February 5th from 12 (Noon) to 2pm** in the Immaculate Conception Chapel. Meditation and Prayer will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament presided by Deacon Roberto Ortiz at 2pm. Please join us!

Faith Formation Committee will meet on Wednesday, **December 21st at 10:00am** in the Parish Center.

Primary Faith Formation:

Religion Classes - Grades 1st through 8th: Classes will participate in a Christmas Celebration on **Wednesday, December 21st** from 6:15pm to 8:30pm.

Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM):

ICC/SJ Youth Group:

All meetings are held in the youth room in the Parish Center. Any youth who are in grades 9 through 12 may attend the meetings and the activities.

Sunday – December 18th; 5-7pm - Assist with ICC Tree Decorations and YG Christmas Party!

For more information contact the Religious Ed Office at 410-392-3551.

Young Adult Retreat:

To be held at Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point, NJ on February 10-12, 2023. Come join other young adults (ages 22-35) married or single, to take a step back from our busy lives. This will be a time to examine your personal faith and your relationship with God, your family members and yourself. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, peer group discussions, Eucharist and lots of fun! Cost: $145 per person. Register at: www.capemaymarianists.org or call 609-884-3829.

Diocesan Youth Leadership Team:

Next meeting is Sunday, February 12th at Resurrection Parish (3000 Videre Drive, Wilmington, DE 19808).

FAITH FORMATION CONTINUED

Catholic Adult Education:

Adult Education class

The Monday evening class will start **Monday, January 9, 2023, from 6:30-8:30pm in the Parish Center**. Come explore ways to enrich your faith journey with fellow parishioners. This 5-week class entitled: **Altaration: The Mystery of the Mass Revealed** will focus on the "Whys" behind the "Whats" of the Mass. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office or download from our website.

Home Learning: This program has been renewed for any parish member who would like to take classes. Catechetical Institute – Franciscan University. To join please sign up at the link listed below: https://franciscanathome.com/Wilmington

Spiritual Book Club: This book group is currently meeting via Zoom on Tuesdays from 9:30am to 11:30am. Any adult may join the group. For further information, you may contact Mary Ann Hopkins at mah106@verizon.net .

Sacraments:

Baptism: The next scheduled class is **Monday, January 9th at 7:00 pm** in the parish center. Pre-registration is required by Tuesday, January 3, 2023, please call the Parish Office at 410-398-1100.

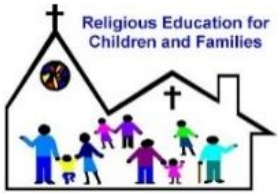
First Communion

The parent orientation meeting will be on **Wednesday, February 8, 2023,** in the meeting room on the second floor of the school.

Confirmation: All classes are usually held in the Parish Center. However, there are no classes in December for either Sunday morning or Wednesday evening.

Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 4th from 6:30-8pm and Sunday, January 8th from 8:45-10:45am.

All Confirmation students are invited to attend any of the Youth Group events.



MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

Marriage Pointers: Wednesday, Dec. 21, is the Winter Solstice - the longest night of the year. Dark nights can be cozy when warmed by love and candlelight. If this week finds you blessed with pleasant experiences of darkness, pray for those who aren't.

The Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass is being held on World Marriage **Sunday, February 12, 2023, at 1pm** at Saint Margaret of Scotland Church in Newark, Delaware. Bishop William E. Koenig invites all couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th wedding anniversary, or any anniversary beyond 50th, to the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass. The Mass coincides with National Marriage Week, February 7 through 12.

The Bishop will be available for photos with interested couples beginning at 12:00 noon and again after the Mass. If you would like to have a photo taken with Bishop Koenig, please arrive at 12:00 pm or plan to stay after Mass. There is no cost to you, however *reservations are required.* Please make your **reservations by January 30th.** Please contact the Office for Marriage and Family Life 302-295-0657 or OMFL@cdow.org

Parenting Pointers: "Do not be afraid, Joseph…" (Matthew 1:20) Substitute your own name for Joseph. Bearing and raising a child can be scary. So many things can go wrong. Turn to God and each other when you are nervous or afraid of how to parent your child.

National March for Life: The 50th annual March for Life, the first post-Roe March, will be held as planned on **January 20, 2023,** after a Rally on the Mall beginning at noon. For more information, please visit the March for Life's website: https://marchforlife.org/.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

ICC OUTREACH: *Outreach is open every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 9:30am - 11:30am.*

Please consider donating the following food items: **baked beans, Jell-O, pancake mix, pancake syrup, jelly** as well as non-food items: **dish soap, laundry soap, paper towels, toothpaste, shampoo, bars of soap**.

Please bring in your **Redner's receipts** for Outreach! Check with Redner's courtesy desk to see how ICC Outreach can get credit for your purchase!

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians: Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity is our motto. So, if you want to surround yourself with a dynamic and interesting group of local Irish women who enjoy their heritage and are committed to serving the community, please reach out to Chris Hild, President at 410-920-6242. We meet the **1st Wednesday of the month** (Jan to May and Sept to Dec) **from 1-3pm in the Parish Center.**
The LAOH group is selling raffle tickets for a quilt – the winning ticket will be drawn on March 4, 2023, at the upcoming ICC/SJ St. Patrick celebration breakfast.

Irish Novel Readers Book Club - Please join us for our next Book Discussion on "Captain and Kings" by Taylor Caldwell on **Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 10am** in the Parish Center Library. We welcome anyone who enjoys reading Irish Novels and enjoys book discussions. For more information contact Joan Dinsmore at pjdino@comcast.net .

ICC/SJ Leisure Club is open to all parishioners who are 50 years old and above. They meet on the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month from 1-3pm** in the Parish Center Library. For information contact Bette Green at 410-392-5287.

Knights Corner:

Knights of Columbus - Bishop Becker Council 2427: Our meetings are held in the Parish Center on the **2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm.** If you wish to join, contact the Knights at: knightsrecorder2427@gmail.com .

Scouts Corner:

Cub Scouts meet on Thursday evenings at 6:30 in the ICS cafeteria. In September the scout participated in the Cecil 500 race at the Elkton Fall Fest and had a family campout in October. The next couple of weeks will be spent making cards for local nursing homes and assisted living communities. For more information about Pack 444 contact Christina at 443-309-4995 or contact iccpack444@gmail.com.

In the past couple of months, the **BSA Troop** attended a UD football game, and had a bike trip with a campout. They are preparing for their upcoming cabin camping trip with family dinner. The boys are sharpening their scout skills, and for the Delmarva Klondike Derby in January . Troop meetings are on Thursday evenings at 7pm in the cafeteria. For more information Christina at 443-309-4995 or contact dmvbsatroop444@gmail.com .

PARISH INFORMATION

Director of Music Ministry:

Immaculate Conception Parish is seeking a full-time Director of Music Ministry (DMM) responsible for music at weekend liturgies, Holy Days, weddings, funerals, sacramental celebrations, and parish ministries.

The Catholic Community of Immaculate Conception/St. Jude is part of the Diocese of Wilmington and located in Elkton, MD. It is in a suburban and rural community of 1,004 households. It is an active, welcoming parish with a variety of ministries and programs for members of all ages. We also serve a Mission Church, St. Jude, in North East, MD.

Position: The DMM is responsible to call forth the gifts of the parish community through involvement with choirs, musicians, and active participation of the assembly during Mass. The DMM is responsible for preparation of choirs, cantors, and music groups to ensure proper musical accompaniments for all services.

The ideal DMM has a bachelor's degree or equivalent in music (Sacred or Liturgical preferred) with experience in Roman Catholic liturgy and liturgical music. The DMM is skilled in piano and voice; organ is preferred but not essential. Salary is commensurate with skill, education, and experience. Benefits are offered in keeping with diocesan policy.

Applicant: Be a practicing Catholic and be capable and willing to create a diverse and dynamic music ministry program including: a contemporary choir, children's choir, adult choir, and integration of other musicians into the ministry. Applicant should also work well as a team member and seek to enrich the faith life of worshipers.

Interested candidates are asked to please submit a cover letter with salary requirement, a resume, and three (3) letters of reference to Peg O' Donnell, iccmanager455@gmail.com by **January 20, 2023.** Please reference "Director of Music Ministry" in subject line.

PARISH INFORMATION CONTINUED

Director of Faith Formation:

Immaculate Conception Parish is seeking a full-time Director of Faith Formation for our parish.

The Director will be responsible for providing leadership for our parish's faith formation programs.

The Director will oversee the Coordinator of Primary Faith Formation (grades 1-8) and provide services for Confirmation candidates, our youth, and adult faith formation groups.

Minimum required qualifications include:

1. Must be a practicing Catholic in good standing.
2. Possess a broad contemporary knowledge of catechetical issues, methods, and documents concerning religious education, pastoral theology, or related fields. An earned degree is preferred.
3. Demonstrates enthusiasm, skills and abilities obtained through successful previous involvement in parish faith formation or related ministry experience, or an equivalent combination of professional experience.

Email resume, letter of interest with salary requirements, and three (3) letters of reference to Peg O' Donnell, iccmanager455@gmail.com before **January 20, 2023**. Please reference "Director of Faith Formation Position" in the subject line.

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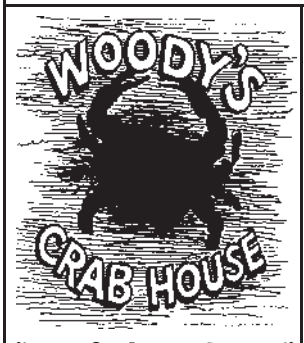

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